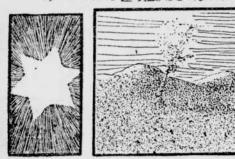
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Star of Bethlehem.

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Ehristmas Decorations for the Douse and Dinner Eable.

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mas dinner to plan and supervise, but ing. sonable greens and scarlet berries. In of immortelles, also ones of holly and speak the most beautiful of religious from the top of window casements, festivals, the birth of Christ,

Red is pre-eminenty the chimey least prop-color, but it is more effective when boughs, and the chimney least prop-



EPERGNE.

berries, cranberries and the beautiful poinsettia, which in many parts of the world is known as the Christmas flower, are the favorite bits of scarlet that lend bright and cheery notes of color to rooms and churches.

And then a bunch of mistletoe must hang somewhere-this strange little wax berry that has so many sentimental superstitions connected with it.

Plenty of green should be used in all decorations, as it higheens the brillfance of the scarlet, and it should be in this instance as in all others nature's background, the setting for all her

Wreaths of holly tied with red ribbon or suspended by a wire from the middle window sash lend cheer to an apartment, or wreaths of evergreen wreaths by deft fingers and a little be chopped fine and sprinkled over tied with scarlet ribbon can be used. wire. The evergreen lasts longer, and it is deliciously aromatic.

man tongues are even now fashion, and enough of it to use in this saying "Merry Christmas," manner can be procured at small ex-

fishness reigns supreme, self-forgetful- tions. They are, however, unfortuness is universal, for everybody is nately quite expensive, but they last planning to give pleasure to others. | a long time; in fact, longer than the No one is busier than the home- majority of house plants, as they do maker, who has not only her Christ- not require such constaint moisten-

she must decorate the house with sea- There are Christmas bells fashioned fact, there is no season that demands evergreen that can be used with good so urgently embellishments that be- results if suspended in doorways or

If there are open fireplaces arey Red is pre-eminently the Christmas should be filled with spicy east propcombined with green. Holly, winter of evergreen. For cample, take several yards of the green and divide eral yards of the green and divide it, tucking the middle to the picture molding and at the same time suspend from is a large holly wreath. Then be the rope drop about three feet and carry it up again to the molding, fastening it there, and allowing the ends to fall to the mantel shelf. If more color is desired the wreath can be tied with red ribbon, allowing the ends to hang well down on the chimney breast. Large doorways or arches can be em-

bellished in the same manner. Even the simplest homes should have some emblem distinctive of the season, to be put to immediate use are too top, the cloth designed to be used on and if wreaths and evergreens ready costly, the loose holly in large branches can be obtained and used as it is, ed on an undercloth of scarlet liberty tied in bunches, or can be made into



PLUM PUDDING.

evergreen that looks like stage grass, this naturally following the soup If the purse strings are long enough but it is devoid of either significance course; a stuffed tomato salad, served to admit of it measure the living room or beauty, consequently it has no deco- after the turkey and or observy jelly, and buy sufficient evergreen to make rative value. One sprig of the genuine the plum pudding thick! studded with to fool me wit' me old las' year's sleu a festoon about the frie. of the room. Christmas green is worth an armful candied cherries

of this poor replica of nature's crea-

Nothing is more beautiful or decorative than the graceful poinsettia and a plant or spray of it in a room brightens it more than a bunch of either red roses or red carnations, simply because it is distinctly a Christmas flower. It also lends itself admirably to the decoration of a dinner table.

Next to the Christmas tree in all its splendor and beauty, which is naturally the most important even of the day for the little ones, comes the Christmas dinner and the setting and enriching of the table for the feast. The illustration furnished presents a timely yet simple decoration for either



a luncheon or a dinner table, cloth is white, the serving plates of red, gold and white.

In the centre is a miniature Christmas tree, which was cut from the top of a large one. It is decorated with glistening balls, berries and the usual favors, a bunch of mistletoe tied at the top. About the base of the tree is a wreath of holly and bunches of winter or ilex berries, which furnish a wealth of scarlet, which centrasts well with the snowy white napery.

From the centrepiece run vines of holly to each corner of the table. The candles on the tree and on the four corners of the table furnish ample light and cast a radiant glow over everything.

A charming centrepiece for a dinner table which is most seasonable consists of three or four poinsettia plants potted in a silver bowl. About the table is a wreath of the same flowers and their foliage arranged. The silver candlesticks, placed at equal distance, should be furnished with scarlet shades. If fruit is to be served use red apples and white grapes, and arrange them in low silver dishes.

A simple and inexpensive table decoration can be made of a medium sized pot of fine ferns, the pot wound with red satin ribbons tied in a large rosette-like bow on each side. A pleasing Christmas note can be given by the use of red shades on the candles and a ball of holly suspended from the centre gas fixture.

Spicy, red carnations are also much used for tables. They require tall slender-necked vases of either silvi or glass. A large one should be Phite in the centre on either a red a centreor an all white embroidere corners piece, and smaller vases of the table.

f the table. If be a table em-Gorgeous, indeed, been arranged for bellishment that Covers are laid a Christmanice centered cloth, which

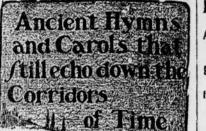


A CORNER OF THE TABLE.

also has a border of lace inset in the a round-topped table, is to be mountsatin. The centrepiece is to be a large urn-shaped silver bowl, filled with maiden hair fern. Four triple silver candelabra with red satin lining the silver shades and a few small silver dishes will be the only other settings.

Inexpensive and pretty is a large bowl of holly, used as a centre embellishment, and over it hung on the gas fixtures four wreaths, tied together with a large bow of scarlet

ribbon. In selecting a mend for the Christmas dinner, select as many viands as suggest the season's color as possible. Even the bonbous can be colored red. For instance, Hungarian peppers can the anchovy canapea; lobster farci The market is flooded with imitation served in the shells as a fish course-



THE HOLLY AND THE IVY. The holly and the ivy
Now are both well grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood
The holly bears the crown.

The rising of the sun,
The running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
The singing of the choir.

The holly bears a blossom
As white as the lily flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To be our Saviour.

The holly bears a berry
As red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To do poor sinners good.

The holly bears a prickle
As sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
On Christmas Day in the morn.

A CHRISTMAS CHIME. Ring joyously, ye Christmas bells,
Banish all thought of funeral knells
And requiems whose music swells
Through sylvan glades and gloomy dells,
Till echo on the hills is sighing
Over another year that's dying;
Though on the ground its shroud is lying,
of pure white show loose ye your mar Though on the ground its shroud is lying, Of pure white snow, loose ye your roar And ring your chimes for rich and poor, In crowded town, on lonely moor, Touch human hearts and homes, and cheer The desolate; and bid men stay Their angry strife, and live their life Anew; for life is but a day, And soon, too soon, will pass away; As yonder pathless white will disappear Beneath men's footsteps in the coming year

CHRISTMAS By Lady Lindsay. By Lady Lindsay.
When Jesu was a little child
He slept on Mary's knee and smiled—
She rock'd Him on her knee.
(So pray you hearken, gentles all,
And give us cheer in louse and hall),
She rock'd Him on her knee.

"Nowell, Nowell," the angels sung, The dumb beasts spake in unknown tongu For Benedicite. (So pray you hearken, gentles all, And give us cheer in house and hall), For Benedicite.

The shepherds' flate gave merry sound, With hollies green they strewed

ground, For joy the Christ to see (So pray you hearken, gentles all. And give us cheer in house and hall), For joy the Christ to see.



Especially Favored.

The red immortelles are especially favored for Christmas decorations, and bells and balls, large and small, madof them, will finish the ends of ever green ropes and depend from chande liers and fixtures. Paper is also used for balls and bells with much the sameffect.

Christmas Location. She-"Sometimes I wish that Christ mas came a little later in the season." He (testily)-"So do I. I wish it came on the 30th of February."



Oyster soup, celery. Boiled cod with lobster sauce. Roast goose, apple sauce croquettes, baker onions, cranberries, mashed potato.
Lettuce or orange salad, wafers, olives.
Mince pie, cheese.
Neapolitan ice cream, cakes.
Coffee, puts and raising.

Coffee, nuts and raisins. Couldn't Fool Him!



She-"Wotcher chucklin about?" He-"To t'ink dat Santy Claus'd try painted red!"- New York Journal.

LEO'S MILLIONS TO PIUS THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER. WOULD NOT LOWER FLAG

A Remarkable Return of Riches to the Vatican.

\$19,000,000 BY CARDINAL GOTTI.

tte Turns It Over to Pope Plus, Stating That Pope Leo Just Before Death Confided the Money to Him Pending the Election of a Successor, He to Use It as He Thought Best, Should He Be Elected Pope.

Rome (By Cable) .- According to the Tribuna, the Vatican had sudden wealth poured into its coffers. For some time certain sums which were known to be possessed by Pope Leo were looked for without result, the search toward

the end becoming somewhat feverish. Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the Propaganda, accompanied by Monsignor Marzolini, one of the late Pope's secretaries, drove up to the Vatican and, getting out hurriedly, began tugging at a heavy object in the carriage. As-

sistance was offered, but it was refus-Marzolini between them carried the mysterious object to the apartment of Pope Pius. They were immediately

admitted, and remained for two hours. Intense curiosity was aroused by this act, as it was believed to have somerelation to the missing wealth, and the wildest rumors were circulated. It soon became known, however, that the bag contained 45,000,000 francs (\$9,000,-

OSO) in bank notes.

When Cardinal Gotti entered the presence of the Pope he sank to his knees, and, pointing to his burden, said:

"Your Holiness, the lamented Leo just before his death confided to me the money which I now lay at your feet, saying that if I succeeded him I was to use it as I thought best; that if another took his place I was to turn the money over to him after a period of four months had elapsed. This I now do in the presence of Monsignor Marzolini, who has been the only other person to share the secret."

The Pope was much affected.

The Tribuna goes on to relate that just about the time this scence was beng enacted in the papal apartments an electrician, while removing the hangings in the late Poppe Leo's chamber, in order to get at the electric light wires, found in a hole in the wall several bags which were carelessly tied. These bags, when opened, were found to contain 9,250,000 francs (\$1,850,000).

Paris (By Cable).—The Rome correspondent to the rigaro says that Grand one of the executors wat he held Leo XIII., was received hed to him and informed His II the mission that a large sum of mg, the new pentification. a large sum of mo the new pontiff by the late Pop his election. The alhe should be proved the should be proved the should be proved the should be to rule the stuation is more unfavorable. The Russian fleet now at Bizerta, Tulked his successor to learn leged fillut it would be to rule that the situation is more unfavorable. The Russian fleet now at Bizerta, Tulked his successor to learn the situation of the situation is more unfavorable. The Russian fleet now at Bizerta, Tulked his provided the situation of about 150 Colombian soldiers on the boats and proceed to the Far East. a large sum of me the new pontiff essing upon him the necessity for economy. The sum left by Pope Leo is The United Colombian Committee in

said to amount to \$7,000,000. GEN. REYES IN NO .. URRY.

Trying to Prevent Colombia From Making a Warlike Move.

Reyes 19 support all the contentions he the prevalence of very severe weather in makes in his brief, that this or that the polar regions. phase of this government's isthmian policy was against precedent by historical reference, as well as by high authorities of international law, the preparation of the paper is taking longer than was at first expected. It was said that it was not at all certain when the note would be ready for transmission to the State Department. In- by the Chamber of Deputies. deed, General Reyes is not in any haste to send it, for this may be taken by the Colombians as the termination of their envoy's mission here and the country might seize on the opportunity to make war, a contingency which General Reyes has thus far used his utmost endeavor to prevent.

Centrol of Powder Trade.

Philadelphia (Special).-It was announced at the office of the Marsden Company that the International Smokeless Powder and Chemical Company, which is controlled by the Marsden Company, has passed into the hands of the DuPont International Powder Company. This deal, it is said, gives the DuPont Company control of 90 per cent, of the It is capitalized at \$10,000,000. The terms under which the International Smokeless Powder Company passes to the control of the DuPont Company was accomplished through an exchange of stock and cash payment of \$405,000.

Got Her Husband And Money. Albany, N. Y. (Special).-A million dollars is said to be involved in the case of Herzog vs. the Title Guaranty Com- ant. Graban was killed, "merely for the pany, in which the Court of Appeals sustained the judgment of Justice Truax, of the Supreme Court. The decision gives Fanny McComb Herzog a quarter interest in the estate of her father, who died in New York city in March, 1901. One lause of the McComb will gives her this marter interest, but a codicil cut her interest in the will in case she married Mr. Herzog. Justice Truax, at special term, in his decision gave Mrs. Herzog the quarter interest first provided for in the

A Military Scanda'.

New York (Special).-Charges of duplicating his pay accounts for the months of October and November were preferred against Capt. John W. L. Phillips, Twenty-seventh United States Infantry, by Col. Francis S. Dodge, chief paymaster of the Department of the East. Colonel Dodge has forwarded the papers in the case to the Paymaster General at Washington for further action. Captain Phillips is on leave of absence from his regiment, which is now stationed in the

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting in Philadelphia, susstained the District Court of New Jersey in the case of Harry C. Spinks and other stockholders, who appealed against the payment of an assessment called by Receiver Henry C. Tatnall, of the Asphalt Company of America.

Judge Martin, of Philadelphia, has given Dr. James Strickland, of Roan-oke, Va., the custody of his two children, whom the mother was accused of abducting from a convent school in Baltimore.

On account of the refusal of skilled laborers of the New Haven Iron and Steel Company to accept a 10 per cent. reduction in wages the mill will close down, throwing 400 men out of work.

The American Bible Society has approved the project of the British and Foreign Bible Society to observe March 7, 1904, as Bible Sunday. A committee meeting of the National Congress of Mothers was held in Philadelphia to devise ways and means of

ousting Reed Smoot. A retrenchment movement has followed the consolidation of the Ameried, and Cardinal Gotti and Monsignor can Tinplate and the American Sheet

Steel Companies. Anna Krenen, wife of Fred Krenen, drowned herself and her two children in a cistern at their home, in Leseur,

Mrs. Geneva Flaherty, of Duluth, Minn., died from starvation on a train while on her way to her brother's

A jury of six women sat in a case

in the Juvenile Court in Chicago. The United States grand jury at Omaha returned indictments against United States Senator Charles H. former Adjutant General

Leonard W. Colby, of Nebraska; for-mer State Senator Elliott Lowe, R. M. Allen, president of the Standard Cattle Company, and others. Mayor Weaver vetoed the loan bill appropriating \$16,000,000 for municipal improvements in Philadelphia and City

Council immediately passed the bill over the veto. The loan will now be submitted to the voters. The cruiser Olympia, flagship of the Carribean Sea squadron, sailed from Norfolk for Panama filled with ammu-

The attitude of the Russians at Seoul indicates a possible determination to

Paris announces that should a request for the submission of the dispute with the United States over Panama to The | meantime lying close to the beach. Hague Court of Arbitration be refused

the Latin republics for aid. Washington, D. C. (Special).—Because of the determination of General

Alps of bombyrilla gallinae, small birds found only in the Far North, indicate

Colombian flow and refused in the venezuerant was in Colombian waters. Licutenant Perrill replied that he did not have a The pearance on the Venezuelan

General Delarey made a speech to the Boer prisoners at Admagnagar and succeeder in persuading all but 10 of them to sign the oath of allegiance to Great Britain.

The bill providing \$130,000 to defray on his arrival here the expenses of Italy's participation the St. Louis Exposition was approved A new Greek Cabinet has been formed,

with M. Theotakis as president and minister of the interior.

will visit Ireland during the Punchesminister of Germany, had a narrow escape from death. She fell between two

electric cars in Berlin, and in saving her Henry Davidson, an English navai constructor, was killed. Joseph Chamberlain's commission of experts to inquire into the condition of British trade, with the object of drawing up a tariff reform measure, includes

leading bankers and men prominent in industrial, mining and shipping interests. The Japanese ministers have deterpowder business from the United States.
The DuPont Company was organized under the laws of Delaware last Tuesday.

The Japanese ministers have determined to present a strong front to Russia, in view of the latter's unsatisfactory reply to the Japanese proposals. The Russian draft of the proposed agreement

is not acceptable in the present form. The French War Office has considered the details of Dreyfus' reinstatement in ed for an hour and exploded seven the army, and the regiment he will command, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

has been chosen. An Italian warship is bombarding Durpurpose of impressing the natives.' William J. Bryan arrived in St. Petersburg and went to visit Count Tol-

The national committee of the Prohibition party met in Chicago and decided that the national convention be held in Kansas City Wednesday, June 29, 1904. Eight cities were in the bidding, including Baltimore.
Mrs. Daniel Manning was elected

president of the World's Fair Board of Lady Managers.

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Sterling exchange has risen 2 cents in the pound in ten days. Copper shares Friday touched the highest point for many months. Evidently Philadelphia shareholders

like Speyer's plan better than Mof-The principal bull tips are still on Amalgamated Copper and Brooklyn

Rapid Transit. Egyptian cotton merchants who are in this country say that their home country is still bullish on American cotton.

American Lieutenant Refused to Comply With Colombian Demand.

TROOPS READY TO MOVE ON PANAMA.

Cruiser Atlanta Discovers a Detachment of Colombian Troops on the Western Shore of the Gu'f of Darien-As Lieutenant Perritt Approaches the Shore General Nove, Calls Out: "What Way Is This to Make War."

Colon (By Cable).-The United States cruiser Atlanta, Commander William H. Turner, returned here from the Gulf of

She discovered on December 15 a detachment of Colombian troops, numbering apparently about 500 men, but, according to their statements, 1,500 to 2,000, at Titumati, on the western side of the gulf, just north of the mouth of

the Atrato river. The commander of the Atlanta sent on shore an officer who talked with the Colombian's commander. The latter protested energetically against the presence

of American warships in Colombian waters, insomuch as war between Colombia and the United States had not been declared, and requested the Atlanta to leave the gulf, because it belonged to Colombia. Commander Turner ignored the request and the Atlanta returned to Colon to report to Rear Admiral Cogh-

The Colombians are clearly busy with protective and strengthening measures. Although they treated the Americans courteously, they decidedly resented the presence of the Atlanta's landing party. The Colombian force was composed partly of the men landed recently at the Atrato river by the Colombian cruises Cartagena and General Pinzon

Early in the morning of Deces the Atlanta sighted a small sely the center of the Guit of Date marines on the isthmus.

Chief Paymaster Dodge, of the partment of the East, accused by John W. L. Phillips, of seventh Infantry, with and her two accounts.

Mrs. Harrane at Oaklane, a suchildren adelphia.

burns R. Connells, president of the bunct banks at Indiahoma, Sterling slepon a wholehoot was lowered and

General Novo requested Lieutenant Perrill to land and confer with General Ortiz. After temporarily returning to to the Atlanta Lieutenant Perrill went back to the schooner, which in the meantime had taken up a position off a beach within a small bay. Great excitement prevailed among the Colombians on the whaleboat's approach. There were re-

The United Colombian Committee in ance of an ambuscade. General Ortiz appeared on the beach when Lieutenant Perrill went ashore, the whaleboat in the

General Ortiz insisted that Lieutenant Colombia will go to war and rely on Perrill should fly the Colombian flag at the bow of the whaleboat or lower the American flag at her stern, because she Stars and Stripes. General Ortiz did not insist upon his so doing, but he protested in writing against the presence of the Americans in Colombian waters. Lieutenant Perrill accepted the protest and conveyed it to Commander Turne who handed it to Rear Admiral Cogli

utenant Perrite d of 12 men. On the first the were unarnied, excepting four revolvers. When the whaleboat approached the schooner 24 soldiers were seen seated on the side nearest to the direction from King Edward and Queen Alexandra which the Americans came with rifles lying handily across their knees and pointing toward the whaleboat. General Miss von Rheimbaden, daughter of Baron von Rheimbaden, the finance minister of Germany had bian forces, stood on the deck of the schooner and instantly called out in

broken English: "What way is this to make war?" Lieutenant Perrill explained that it was not war, but a friendly visit.

General Novo, however, refused to furnish him with any information. An interpreter who boarded the schooner discovered that she had 70 to 80 armed men, packed sardine-like in her

Explosion Raised the Roof.

Indianapolis, Ind. (Special).-Three robbers stood guard in the office of the Star Elevator with drawn revolvers, while three of their companions workcharges of dynamite. The heavy explosions raised the roof of the building from its foundation. Terrified people n the neighborhood stood at a distance and watched the robbers, who finally became discouraged at their repeated failure to reach the inside of a burglarproof strong box inside the safe and left a few minutes before the police

Commits Suicide by Fire.

Oxford, O. (Special) .- Miss Mary Kyger, aged 40 years, a member of one of the wealthiest families in this county. committed suicide. She saturated her clothing with gasoline and then set her-self on fire. No cause is known.

Warlike Word From Japan.

Tokio (By Cable).-In consequence of Russia's reply, a special conference of the elder stafesmen of Japan, including the Marquis Ito and the Cabinet Ministers, is proceeding here. It is understood that the statesmen are considering the adoption of a firm stand against Russia. General Kodama, the War Minister, was present for the first time at the conference. There is renewed activity at the Admiralty, in view of a possible naval demonstration.